

Section 3, Remarks:

REMARKS

Re-examination and reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to claims 14 and 22 presented herewith, and the following remarks in response to the Section 112 Rejections of the only claims pending in the case, claims 14 - 22.

The withdrawn claims 1-8 and 11-13 have been cancelled without prejudice to filing a divisional case thereto.

Response to the Section 112 Rejection and Objection:

Claim 14 has been amended to clarify the orientation of the mounting member 86 with respect to the holding vice. Rather than argue over the vice orientation, the language in claim 14 clarifies that the mounting member is secured in a “vertical orientation in a vice”, it being essentially irrelevant what the orientation of the vice is. This amendment is made to advance the prosecution, it being noted that by reference to Fig 3, P3 is where one puts the mounting member 86, and it is clear that in that figure and in Figures 7 – 9, the mounting member is clamped in the vice 18 by the U-shaped clamp 30. The vice jaws are vertically oriented, the clamp 30 is horizontal. R is the support rail, and P is the workpiece. Mounting member 86 projects downwardly from plate 84 and is secured in the vice 18/30. Note the vice body has 3 sets of jaws, 2 are back-to-back and oriented horizontally to receive P and R, and the 3rd is orthogonal to both of them, that is vertically oriented to hold the mounting member 86. It is thought that this minor grammatical amendment clarifies the language and resolves this issue.

With respect to claim 22, Applicant appreciates the Examiner’s comments and accordingly, the language of the claim has been amended to refer back to the saw in claim 14 by referencing “said saw” and clarifying that it is the saw that has the arm 110. See Figs 7 – 9 and the comments made in the Response of 2-13-06, page 11, paragraph 4, last two lines.

No new matter has been introduced by the grammatical amendments, and allowance of all pending claims 14 – 22 is respectfully urged.

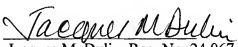
CONCLUSION

It is Applicant’s position that the case is now in complete condition for allowance as the rejections have been rendered moot. Favorable action of allowance is respectfully requested.

In addition, in the event that there remain any open issues, the Examiner is requested to expedite the prosecution of this case by calling undersigned counsel for Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,
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End of Section 3, Remarks

End of Response to Office Action Final Rejection